

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 through 9 are pending in this application. Claims 2 through 5 and 7 through 9 have been withdrawn.

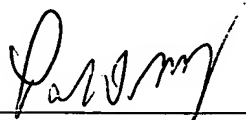
The Office Action asserts that Applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Office Action additionally asserts that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: Figure 2; Figure 6; Fig. 7; Figure. 8; Figure 9; and Figure 10.

Applicants respectfully traverse because each of the embodiments as set forth in the Office Action is a common invention. Moreover, it would be more expedient to prosecute all embodiments in a single application. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to comply fully with the restriction requirement, applicants elect with traverse to prosecute the embodiment of Figure 10 which includes claims 1 and 6.

The Office Action concedes that currently at least claim 1 is generic and if finally held allowable, applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of the allowed generic claim. Consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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